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SUBJECT: SOVIET OIL AND GAS DELIVERIES

REF: A) STATE 229536; B) ROME 12018 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY REPORTED IN REFTEL B INFO OBTAINED FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY ENERGY CONTACT THAT SMALL ITALIAN INDEPENDENT A.P.I. (ANONIMA PETROLI ITALIANA) RECEIVED NOTICE IN EARLY NOVEMBER OF 50 PERCENT CUTBACK IN SUPPLY FROM USSR. A.P.I. SOURCE INFORMED US DECEMBER 10, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH REPORTS WERE EXAGGERATED. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DELAYS IN DELIVERIES AT MID YEAR, PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF MIDEAST HOSTILITIES, BUT THAT CRUDE FROM USSR IS NOW FLOWING NORMALLY.

SOURCE EXPECTS SOVIETS TO FULFILL THEIR 2.5 MILLION TON CRUDE COMMITMENT TO A.P.I. THIS YEAR, ADDING THAT IN 25 YEARS OF DEALING WITH

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USSR, A.P.I. HAS ALWAYS FOUND SOVIETS TO MEET THEIR CONTRACTUAL

OBLIGATIONS. (A.P.I.'S IMPORTS FROM USSR AMOUNT TO ABOUT 2/3 API'S TOTAL CRUDE IMPORTS).

2. RECENTLY WE HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS SOVIET SUPPLY WITH ENI, ITALIAN STATE OIL COMPANY. (ENI IS LARGEST ITALIAN USER SOVIET CRUDE, HAVING PURCHASED IN 1972 3.9 MILLION TONS, OVER 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL ITALIAN IMPORTS FROM USSR OF 7.4 MILLION TONS) . ENI SOURCE STATED THAT SOVIET CRUDE SUPPLY HAS BEEN FLOWING NORMALLY WITH EXCEPTION OF A BRIEF PERIOD LAST SUMMER WHEN ENI AND SOVIETS WERE HAGGLING OVER PRICES. MATTER HAS SINCE BEEN RESOLVED AND SHORTFALL EXPECTED TO BE MADE UP IN 1974. ENI CONTACT HAD NO COMMENT TO OFFER ON REPORTS OF SOVIET CUTBACK TO API.

3. REGARDING SOVIET NATURAL GAS, DELIVERIES VIA AUSTRIA TO ITALY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN EARLY 1974 UNDER 1969 ENI-USSR LONG TERM AGREEMENT, PROVIDING FOR 6 BILLION CUBIC METERS ANNUALLY OVER 20 YEAR PERIOD. ENI SOURCES EXPECT FIRST YEAR DELIVERIES TO TOTAL ABOUT 2 BILLION CUBIC METERS, WITH 6 BILLION LEVEL BEING REACHED IN 1976. WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE CUTBACK IN ABOVE COMMITMENT. VOLPE

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